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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Paisit Boonparlit from MFA's North Americas Division and to Charn Jullamon from the International Organizations Division. Paisit confirmed that Thailand has offered 12 military engineers for deployment to Darfur as requested by the UN. The caretaker Thai Cabinet has apparently already approved the deployment. The UN is reportedly considering the request.

¶2. (C) Separately, Emboffs raised the issue with LTG Niphat Thonglek. Niphat, recently returned from the joint EU-ASEAN Aceh peace monitoring mission, indicated that the Royal Thai Army supported a deployment to Darfur if funding were provided.

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